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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO, MILI, AWACS
SUBJECT: NATO AEW: PROBABLE POSITIONS OF FRG, UK AND CANADA

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1. I HAVE JUST COMPLETED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PERMREPS OF THE UK, FRG AND CANADA TO DETERMINE, AS THEY PERCEIVE IT, THE POSITIONS THEIR MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE DURING THE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON NATO AEW ON MARCH 25.
 2. PAULS (FRG) TOLD ME THAT MINISTER LEBER'S LAST KNOWN POSITION IS PRECISELY THAT WHICH EMERGED IN THE BROWN-LEBER DISCUSSIONS, MARCH 15-16 (REFTEL)--I.E., THAT THE US SHARE INCREASE TO 33 PERCENT PERMITS A CORRESPONDING DECREASE IN THE FRG SHARE, BUT WITHOUT DECLARING WHETHER THE LATTER IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE FRG.
 3. KILLICK (UK) SAID THAT MINISTER MULLEY'S POSITION
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- IS FULLY EXPLAINED IN A LETTER HE HAS JUST SENT IN REPLY TO SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER TO HIM. KILLICK (PLEASE PROTECT FULLY) PROVIDED ME A COPY OF THE LETTER.
4. HARDY (CANADA) STATED THAT MINISTER DANSON WILL REPEAT THE POSITION HE EXPRESSED AT THE DECEMBER 1976 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. CANADA WILL PARTICIPATE FULLY IF THREE CONDITIONS ARE MET: A) THE PROGRAM MUST BE "ALL NATO"; B) IT MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH CANADIAN DEFENSE PROGRAMS; AND C) THE NATO AEW

PROGRAM MUST BE PARALLELED BY A SOLUTION TO THE NORTH
AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE PROBLEM. HARDY OBSERVED
THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION IS BEING TAKEN ON THE SECOND
AND THIRD CONDITIONS, SO CANADIAN PARTICIPATION NOW
HINGES ON SATISFYING THE "ALL NATO" CONDITION.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED DEFENSE.

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